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Opening-day shoppers search through tables of merchandise while volunteers replenish the supply at Stuttgart's annual Pfennig Bazaar. Sponsored by the Stuttgart German-American Women's Club, the bazaar not only brings community members together, but also raises money for area German and American organizations.

Pfennig Bazaar 2003

Annual sale concludes another year of commerce, cooperation

By Mildred Green

Billed as the largest flea market in the Stuttgart area, this year's Pfennig Bazaar was packed with bargain shoppers looking for great deals Oct. 8, 9 and 10.

Sponsored by the German-American Women's Club, the event has been running for more than 33 years in support of the German and American communities.

During the bazaar, shoppers bargained for merchandise and during breaks gave in to their sweet teeth by indulging in both American and German baked goods.

On the opening day of the bazaar, the American participants held their annual Great American Bake Sale while the German women held their bake sale Oct. 11.

Nancy Moscone, one of the event's American co-chairs, said this year's bazaar was a success and the support tremendous.

Volunteers from both the German and American communities worked long hours setting up before the bazaar, manned the booths during the shopping days and then took everything down at the bazaar's close.

Sarah Russell, American co-chair for the event, said she appreciated all of the volunteers who committed their time and worked hard to make the bazaar such a success.

"The combined effort from the German and American communities to the Pfennig Bazaar is centered around our commitment to service," Russell said. "It is truly a demonstration of how a focused cooperative movement can instill positive results for the good of all."

Commitment to service seems to be the case for many who keep returning to the bazaar year after year.

Gisela Wienke, a German volunteer, marked her 18th year of working the bazaar. What keeps her coming back every time, she said, are the different pleasures she has found in volunteering during both the sorting and selling days.

"I enjoy the social aspect during the sorting days because it's a chance to reunite with friends you see only once a year



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U.S. European Command Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. John Sylvester helps cut the cake during the Pfennig Bazaar's Oct. 8 opening ceremony.

and a chance to make new ones," Wienke said. "And during the selling days, you get the feeling that you are helping those in need."

Beth Coggins, a member of the 6th Area Support Group community, has been to the bazaar three times now. She said, "It's so much fun to work and see and shop."

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News & Notes

Townhall slated for RB

Stuttgart's next Townhall meeting is Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. in the Robinson Barracks Community Club.

Students must ride correct bus

Due to overcrowding, Robinson Barracks students are asked to ride the school bus instead of the early duty bus to school. Military and civilian personnel must have priority on the duty bus.

Students who must get to school early may continue to ride the duty bus; however, if overcrowding continues, all students may be barred from the bus.

For more information call David Boals at 421-2585/civ. 0711-729-2585.

Kelley TMP fuel pumps to close

The Kelley Barracks Troop Motor Pool fuel pumps will be closed Oct. 28 to Dec. 5 for upgrades and the construction of a canopy. Two of the four AAFES fuel pumps will remain open during this period.

For fuel coupon information call 421-2389/0711-729-2389. For other questions call 421-2854/civ. 0711-729-2854.

Safety Seat Clinic on RB

The Stuttgart Child Safety Seat Committee's next clinic is Oct. 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Robinson Barracks CX parking lot.

For details, to volunteer or to register for the clinic call Dianne Boals at 430-4437/civ. 0711-680-4437.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week, which is set aside to honor the benefits of living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle, will be observed in Stuttgart Oct. 23 to 31. For details call 431-2743/civ. 07031-15-743 or e-mail whitesellj@6asg.army.mil.

Insurance carriers visit Patch

Representatives from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Foreign Service Benefit Plan, GEHA and Mailhandlers will be available Oct. 29, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the Patch Barracks Community Club.

For details call 421-2821/civ. 0711-729-2821.

Marines celebrate 228th birthday

Marine Corps Forces Europe will commemorate the Corps' 228th birthday Nov. 6 in the Böblingen Congresshalle. U.S. European Command Commander Gen. James L. Jones will be the guest of honor.

For details call 431-2748/civ. 07031-15-748.

Stallions host Tip-Off Classic

The Stuttgart Stallions community basketball team will begin its season by hosting the Tip-Off Classic Oct. 25 and 26 in the Patch Fitness Center.

For more information or to register a team call Steve Sanders at 430-5386/civ. 0711-680-5386.

Air Force announcements

■ The next **Air Force Sergeants' Association** meeting is Oct. 28 at 4:30 p.m., in Rindy's Lounge (basement of Patch Barracks' building 2308).

For more information call Staff Sgt. D'Andre Broderick at 430-8300/civ. 0711-680-8300.

■ The **U.S. Air Forces in Europe Mission Support Squadron Customer Service Element** has extended its hours for the distribution of new identification cards.

The new hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Percussion lessons at Panzer YS

Panzer Youth Services is hosting 30-minute percussion lessons Wednesdays and Thursdays. The instruction costs \$58 for four lessons.

For details call 431-2568/civ. 07031-15-568.

Hand-colored portraits on RB

Capture your child's beauty with a black- and-white 8x10 photo hand-tinted by Jenny Allen. This fall special is \$49 and is offered Nov. 1, noon to 6 p.m. For more information about the RB Arts and Photo Center call 420-6038/civ. 0711-687-7191.

Patch Frame Shop holds sale

Save up to 75 percent on more than 40 frame moldings during the Patch Frame Shop's Pre-Holiday Sale through Nov. 11. Pre-made frames will also be sold at 20-percent off. For details call 430-5435/civ. 0711-680-5435.